IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1.      (canceled)


2.      (currently amended) The transaction supporting method according to claim 16, wherein said step (a) specifies the price of the securities that has a given range.


3.      (currently amended) The transaction supporting method according to claim 16, wherein said step (b) specifies the volume of the securities that has a given range.


4.      (currently amended) The transaction supporting method according to claim 16, wherein said step (c) specifies a condition that inhibits partial agreement between orders.


5.      (canceled)


6.      (currently amended) The A transaction supporting method according to claim 5, further comprising: a step of
        (a) specifying a price specification of securities to be bought or sold via a computer;
        (b) specifying a volume of the securities;
        (c) specifying conditions for buying or selling the securities;
        (d) issuing an order via a computer for the volume of the securities at the price under the conditions;
        (e) inhibiting the order from being displayed at a terminal involved in a third party; and
        (f) processing the order that is inhibited from being displayed in preference to another order.


7.      (currently amended) The transaction supporting method according to claim 1 6, further comprising a step of changing the conditions on the order issued by said step (d).

8. (currently amended) The transaction supporting method according to claim ~~16~~, further comprising ~~a step of~~ canceling the order issued by said step (d).

9. (currently amended) The transaction supporting method according to claim 8, wherein ~~the step of~~ said canceling the order ~~can~~ cancels the order even if a partial agreement with another order is made.

10. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program causing a computer to function as:

means for specifying a price of securities to be bought or sold;

means for specifying a volume of the securities;

means for specifying conditions for buying or selling the securities; ~~and~~

means for issuing an order for the volume of the securities at the price under the conditions;

means for inhibiting the order from being displayed at a terminal involved in a third party; and

means for processing the order that is inhibited from being displayed in preference to another order.

11. (currently amended) A transaction supporting apparatus, comprising:

means for specifying a price of securities to be bought or sold;

means for specifying a volume of the securities;

means for specifying conditions for buying or selling the securities; ~~and~~

means for issuing an order for the volume of the securities at the price under the conditions;

means for inhibiting the order from being displayed at a terminal involved in a third party; and

means for processing the order that is inhibited from being displayed in preference to another order.

12. (new) A transaction supporting method, comprising:

inhibiting a securities order; and

giving preference to the inhibited securities order over another securities order.